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FROM THE HERALD'S LONDON CORRESPONDENTS.

## THE PEACE OF EUROPE.

RUSSIA BUYING LARGE QUANTITIES OF WAR MATERIAL.

LONDON, Dec. 19. Russia is purchasing large quantities of munitions of war in America.

## CHINA AND RUSSIA.

THE MURGHAB VALLEY.

LONDON, Dec. 19. China declines to surrender to Russia the Murghab Valley, which affords easy access to India.

## THE REBELLION IN BRAZIL.

LONDON, Dec. 19. One of the auxiliary cruisers equipped in New York for President Peixoto, and named the Ninhetery, has reached Pernambuco. She has been ordered to proceed south.

## THE FINANCES OF GREECE.

LONDON, Dec. 19. France and Germany protest against the Government of Greece reducing the interest on the public debt of the country by two-thirds.

## THE SITUATION IN HAWAII.

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An anarchist plot to destroy public buildings at St. Etienne, a town in the department of Loire, France, has been discovered. The plot was frustrated.

## A PLOT TO DYNAMITE THE PREFECTURE OF POLICE IN PARIS.

LONDON, Dec. 19. Great precautions are being taken to guard the Paris Bourse.

## INTERNATIONAL CHOLERA CONGRESS.

LONDON, Dec. 19. An international congress to adopt measures for preventing the spread of cholera will meet in Paris in January.

## THE MATABELE WAR.

FURTHER FIGHTING REPORTED.

LONDON, Dec. 19. Reports from South Africa state that further fighting has taken place on the Shangani River, in Matabeleland, between the chartered company's forces and Lobengula's impi.

## FRENCH TORPEDO BOATS.

LONDON, Dec. 19. Admiral Riennier, who was Minister for Marine in the Dupuy Cabinet, complains that the torpedo boats in the French navy are defective.

## ACTIVITY OF FRENCH SPIES.

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## BILLIARD CONTENTS IN LONDON.

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## THE FRUIT MARKET IN LONDON.

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